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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Well with this last newsletter of 2024, I find it is time to look back at the last year of club activities.

We started this year with our swap meet in March. This swap was not as well attended as those in prior years. I am not sure if the date had any effect or not, but hopefully 2025 is a better year for gate attendance.

We had a number of tech sessions for judging performance which were very well attended. We will continue these in 2025 with more information to follow, so stay tuned.

In September we held our annual picnic at the Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio. The weather was perfect for the day to bring a Corvette and spend some quality time with your Corvette cohorts.

In October we had our Chapter Judging Meet at Kelsey Chevrolet with five cars being judged. The day was a success with all cars getting a Top Flight and high scores. Congratulations to the owners for their hard work.

Our annual Christmas party is rapidly approaching. It will be held Sunday, December 8th between the hours of 5:00

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December Meeting Information

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2024

Time: 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Aston Oaks Country Club
1 Aston Oaks Drive
North Bend, Ohio 45052

Phone: 513-467-0070

Website: astonoaksgolfclub.com

Our meeting will immediately follow the annual Christmas party at this event. If you would like to attend but have not yet made reservations, please contact Terrie James, tmjames7329@gmail.com, for further information.

We will be collecting new toys for the Toys-For-Tots campaign at this event. Please bring an unwrapped new toy for children between the ages of 1 and 18 years to be donated to this worthy cause.

Hopefully Old Man Winter will cooperate and members will be able to drive their Corvettes before tucking them in for the winter.

QCNCRS Website Information

<https://qc.ncrs.org/>

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NOTICE!

Newsletter Deadlines
The deadline for getting information, into the newsletter is the 2nd of each month. If it isn't here, we will publish without you.

Chairman's message – continued

and 9:00 PM at the Aston Oaks Country Club. Reservations are outpacing previous years so if you have not sent in your reservation yet, you need to contact Barb Hilbert (b.hilbert@zoomtown.com) as soon as possible to make sure that we have your place reserved.

Last month's meeting was held at Factory Hot Rods in Tri-County. Noel Grace, owner, had another great display of his creations. A 1967 Corvette Convertible was just about finished. The craftsmanship on these cars is outstanding with the custom drivetrains and frames; they truly are a work of art. Another 1958 and a 1967 coupe were in the earlier stages of the build cycle but were still fascinating to see the details that go into one of his builds. After my rambling of club business, Noel was kind enough to give a talk on how he got his start in the automotive world. Noel helped on the suspension design of the C8 Corvette with GM. We thank Noel and his team for a great meeting. Our members truly appreciate it.

Just a little Club business, our member, Skip Polowy, has accepted the Chapter Presidency of the Heart Of Ohio Chapter. Congratulation to Skip. I am sure he will do a great job for them.

Skip also is going to assume the responsibilities of our Judging Administrator along with Tom Smith who has accepted the position of Judging Chairman for our Chapter. Thanks go out to Joe Eyl for running this year's judging event. Our club has a great bunch of members who are always willing to step up to the plate. On that note, Kenn Bragg will be the new Secretary for the Club and will be taking the minutes for our meetings. Thank you, gentlemen, for stepping up to the challenge.

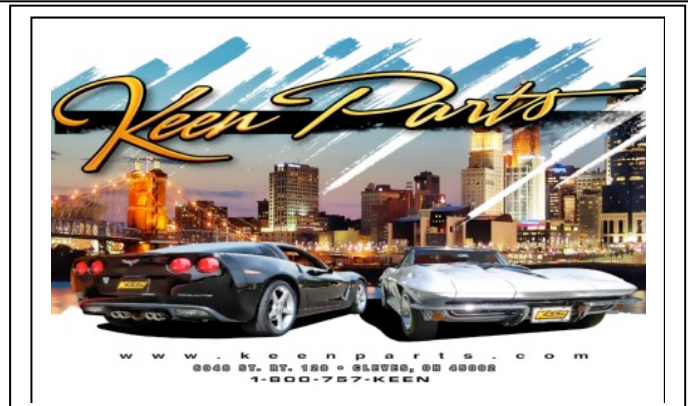
On a personal note, I had the pleasure of having my 1970 Chevelle SS judged at the Muscle Car And Corvette Nationals in Chicago. It was very similar to NCRS Top Flight Judging in the fact that they reviewed every aspect of the car. However, one item missing was a judging manual for reference. The judges were very knowledgeable about Chevelle's, but the vehicles were built in four different plants and assembled differently in each plant. A great show, nonetheless. I achieved a Gold Concours Award to boot.

Enough of my rambling. I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party on December 8th.

Happy Holidays! Save The Wave!

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Fun Facts Tom James

The 2009 ZR1 brought an unusual RPO code to Corvette order-sheet history: RPO R8E, the Gas Guzzler Tax. Even though the astonishingly potent 638-hp ZR1 achieved 14/20-mpg city/highway fuel economy figures (when driven with an egg under the gas pedal), it was not good enough for the EPA, which imposed a \$1,700 fine per car. With 1,415 built in 2009 alone, the EP collected more than \$2.4 million. The fine dropped to \$1,000 in 2012 and 2013 thanks to revised Fifth and Sixth overdrive gear ratios that added 1 mpg and reduced the ZR1's level of non-compliance.

Speaking of ZR1, a toothed Gilmer-type supercharger drive belt, like those used in Top Fuel dragsters, was tested and that worked well to prevent slippage on the pulleys. Unfortunately, the irregular surfaces generated a buzzing sound that exceeded GM's noise-regulation limit. In production, a ribbed belt received the nod. General Motors used a similar ribbed drive belt on the supercharged 3800 V-6 due to the same reason.

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TERRIE'S CORVETTE TRIVIA Ans. on Last Page

1. The cross flags in the side panels designated the high-performance engines in 1956 Corvettes. True or False.
2. How many engine options were available in 1959? 4, 7 or 8.
3. Rally wheels reappeared in 1980 to give the customer a choice of two-wheel packages. True or False.
4. The underbelly pan at the passenger compartment of a 1982 Corvette is metal or fiberglass?
5. A 4-door Corvette was available in 1974. True or False.
6. What year was the 396-cu. in. engine introduced? 1962, 1964 or 1965.



November QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Tom Smith, Secretary ...

Factory Hot Rods
4884 Duff Drive, Ste. F
West Chester, Ohio 45246

Tom James, Chairman, opened the meeting by thanking Noel Grace and we appreciate the hospitality. We thank him for doing a lot of clean up to get the place ready.

Tom James reminded everyone of the Christmas party on Sunday, December 8th at the Aston Oaks Country Club. Please send your check to Barb Hilbert as soon as possible. We are trying to get a head count of those attending for the facility.

Just a note, Skip Polowsky is now the chairman of the Heart of Ohio Chapter. He is still committed to this club as Judging Administrator but will split his duties with the Heart of Ohio.

Gary Conger brought in some aftermarket Corvette magazines, so please feel free to take any you like.

We also would like to thank Kelsey Chevrolet for hosting our Chapter Judging Meet in October and all that they do a lot for us each year.

Next up is the Swap Meet to be held on Sunday, March 16h. Please remember to volunteer and/or attend.

We are looking for places to hold meetings in January and February of next year, so if you have any ideas, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tom or make a suggestion at the Christmas Party.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, introduced Allen Begley, as a new member and asked him to tell the Club a little about himself. We also have several guests in attendance tonight so please make them feel welcome. Terrie also added that beginning January 1st there will be some changes as who to contact for information. Skip will be the Judging Administrator, Tom Smith will no longer be Secretary but will be assuming the responsibilities of Judging Chairman, and Kenn Bragg will become the Secretary. Thank you to all.

November QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Tom Smith, continued ...

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, went over the financial report. A motion was suggested and passed.

Chris Rockenfield, Co-Chairman, thanked Noel for having us tonight. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished us all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tom James informed us about the membership list that Skip created for the club with email addresses and phone numbers on it. Please check over your information to make sure it is correct.

Steve Barrett asked everyone to bring a new unwrapped toy to the Christmas Party for the Toys For Tots drive. Last year he collected 67 boxes with all of his groups.

Tom introduced Noel Grace who took the floor and told us about his latest projects of Corvettes he has been resto-modding. The 1957 Chevy at the front of the shop is an odd ball here but he knew the gentleman that owned the vehicle previously and was willing to take it on. The C8 back half is from a ZR1 that was cut in half by GM. He did work with GM on the transaxle and suspension for about a year when they were developing the C8. He has been doing a lot of 3 inch stretches lately for buyers who are six foot tall or more. All the engines purchased are GM crate motors and they do offer a warranty when purchased. Noel has been looking for body shops to get his cars painted because the ones he uses have been backed up. It was 12 months for one car to get painted; he is very particular about the work on these cars. What we all saw was some nice, high-quality builds. Thanks Noel.

Split the Pot was drawn, and the meeting was adjourned.

QCNCRS November Meeting Photos



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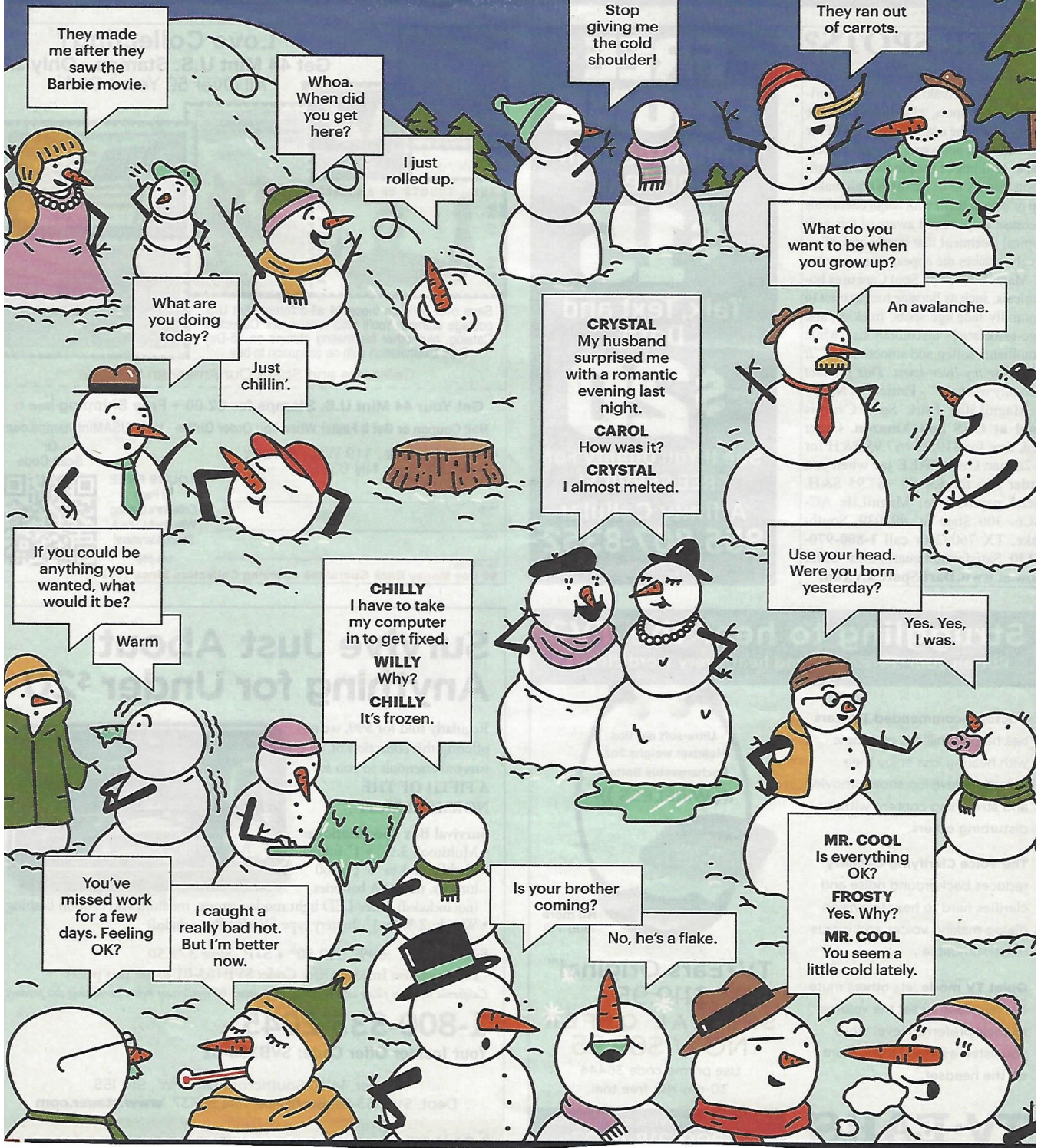
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November MCACN Photos



Witty & Wise A Bunch of Flakes



They made me after they saw the Barbie movie.

Whoa. When did you get here?

I just rolled up.

Stop giving me the cold shoulder!

They ran out of carrots.

What are you doing today?

Just chillin'.

CRYSTAL
My husband surprised me with a romantic evening last night.
CAROL
How was it?
CRYSTAL
I almost melted.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

An avalanche.

If you could be anything you wanted, what would it be?

Warm

CHILLY
I have to take my computer in to get fixed.
WILLY
Why?
CHILLY
It's frozen.

Use your head. Were you born yesterday?

Yes. Yes, I was.

You've missed work for a few days. Feeling OK?

I caught a really bad hot. But I'm better now.

Is your brother coming?

No, he's a flake.

MR. COOL
Is everything OK?
FROSTY
Yes. Why?
MR. COOL
You seem a little cold lately.

Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *December 7, 2024 - Toys For Tots Drive, Horsepower Farm, 2227 Trinity Drive, Middletown, Ohio.*
- *Dec 8, 2024 - Annual QCNCRS Chapter Christmas Party*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *January 15-18, 2025 – Florida Regional, Melbourne, FL*
- *April 3-5, 2025— Carolina Regional, Pendleton, SC*
- *May 1-3, 2025— Arizona Regional, Glendale, AZ*
- *July 17-19, 2025 – Missouri “Show-Me” Regional, Springfield, MO*
- *September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV*

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For information on Club Shirt pricing, colors and sizing as well as to place an order please contact Terrie James at tmjames7329@gmail.com or 513-300-6411



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Annual Chapter Dues \$20.00

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

You must be an active member of NCRS to join a chapter.

National NCRS Number: _____

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Questions, please call Terrie James at 513-300-6411 or email at tmjames7329@gmail.com.

Trivia Answers: 1. False. 2. 4. 3. False. 4. Metal. 5. False. 6. 1965.